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2. The following correction should be made to Line 17, Page 1.

~~60/340,937~~ 60/348,937, filed on 10 January 2002 and incorporated herein by reference.

Claim Objections

3. I do not believe that Claims 1-13 are in improper form due to multiple dependent claims being dependent on other multiple dependent claims. I believe their must have been some misunderstanding in the content of the claims.

Claim Rejections

4. I do not believe that Claims 1-10 are, in fact, indefinite.

With respect to Claim 1, the objection to the term "improving" appears to be unreasonable given the context of the application (p16, l 14-16 and l 24-26). The amount of "improvement" does not alter the description as being an "improvement" primarily in the context of durability (p16, l16). Clearly, if a situation were to occur in which it was desirable for the fabric to degrade easily,

is "improvement" itself.

With respect to Claim 4, the term "essentially pure cellulose" is as accurate as one can describe the purity of cellulose. The term "essentially" does not render the claim indefinite. This is based on work in my laboratory about to be submitted for publication and an extensive review of the literature going back to 1837. To date, there is no accurate method for the determination of the purity of cellulose in large part due to the fact that there is no consensus in the scientific community of exactly what cellulose is! For these reasons it is unreasonable to expect a claim to state a specific level of purity.

With respect to Claim 5, the use of the term "specific" does not render the claim unclear. Claim 5 refers to cellulases which are β -1,4-endoglucanases and proteases. There are a number of cellulases which, in most cases, are produced by fungi. Although, they all bear the same common name (cellulase) or systematic Enzyme Commission name (β -1,4-endoglucanase) they may vary in their effectiveness on different substrates but this is not reflected in the nomenclature. It should also be pointed out that usually the substrates for cellulases are not pure β -1,4-glucans. In the case of proteases, there are a number of proteases which are subdivided into different classes depending on which amino acid peptide linkages they cleave. So the use of the term "specific"

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